

# *Minutes*

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**SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

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## ***Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association***

— Held with —

**THE ZION GROVE CHURCH**

**At Robersonville, N. C., Martin County**

**October 12, 13, 14, 1951**

# **1951**

### **O F F I C E R S**

**ELDER DORCINE STATON - Moderator .... Bethel, N. C.**

**BROTHER CHARLIE DUGGER - Clerk, .... Rt. 2, Box 84  
Robersonville, N. C.**



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# *Proceedings*

**OF THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CORRESPONDING PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE ZION GROVE CHURCH, Robersonville, N. C.. OCTOBER 12. 13, 1951. FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.**

Elder Dorcine Staton rose and read for his lesson the 23rd Psalm and sang hymn No. 3, prayer by Elder Richard Anderson. Elder Hubert Austin, who was chosen to preach the introductory sermon rose and sang hymn No. 288 and chose for his text in John's Gospel.

Elder Dorcine Staton who was chosen to preach the alternate sermon rose and sang No. 380 and preached from Psalms 90. Closing hymn No. 38. Benediction by Elder T. F. Piles. Contribution, \$13.05.

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Elder Dorcine Staton rose and sang hymn 393, prayer by Elder T. F. Piles. Elder Dorcine Staton pronounced the Association conference now ready for transaction of business.

On motion agreed that Elder Dorcine Staton be chosen Moderator of the Corresponding Association, Brother Charlie Dugger, Clerk, and Brother King Latham Treasurer.

On motion agreed the Corresponding ministers and messengers from our sister associations be invited to seat with us and take a part in conference and feel themselves at home.

On motion agreed the committee on Arrangement of Preaching from day to day be appointed. The Moderator appointed Elder Richard Anderson, Brother Spells and Brother King Latham; they report as follows to preach at the stand: Elder Amos Archie. Elder Anderson and Elder T. F. Piles.

On motion agreed the report of the committee be received.

On motion agreed that Brother Spells was chosen the Porter.

On motion agreed the names of visiting delegates be enrolled.

On motion agreed the Finance Committee be appointed. The Moderator appointed Brother King Latham, Brother Robert Gay and Brother Mack Whitfield.

On motion agreed the delegates from our sister associations make their report.

The North Eastern Association was represented by Elder T. F. Piles who came forth without a file of minutes, stating they were in peace and love and their next session will convene at 15 Mercy St., Newark, N. J., Cedar Grove Church, Friday before the first Sunday in Sept. 1952. He was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegate.

The Tar River Association was represented by Elder Richard Anderson who came forth with a file of minutes stating they were in peace and love, their next session will convene at the Sandy Point Church, Williamston, Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1951, and was received by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.

On motion agreed the report of the delegates be received.

The Mount Rhamer Association in Georgia was not represented.

On motion agreed there be a door opened for accepting new churches into this association. Mt. Carmel of Bethel. N. C. came forth.

On motion and agreed the Mt. Carmel Church in Bethel, N. C. be received into this Association conference.

On motion agreed the association close until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Closing hymn 505, dismissed by Elder Amos Archie.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Elder Amos Archie sang hymn No. 3, and preached from Matt. 5; Elder Richard Anderson sang hymn 76 and followed with the same; Elder T. F. Piles sang hymn 275 and followed with the same.

Contribution \$6.00. Benediction by Elder Hubert Auston.

#### FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE.

Elder Dorcine rose and read a portion of John 17 and sang hymn 270, prayer by Brother Mack Whitfield.

Elder Amos Archie sang hymn 132 and preached from Amos 7:10; Elder Hubert Auston sang hymn 699 and preached from Deut. 2; Elder T. F. Piles sang hymn 188 and followed with the same. Closing hymn 353. Contribution \$8.25. Benediction by Elder T. F. Piles.

#### SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator reading a portion of the 8th chapter of Romans, sang hymn 507, prayer by Brother Guss James.

(On motion agreed to enter into business.

On motion agreed the list of the churches and the names of the visiting delegates be called and the minutes of the Friday session be read. On motion agreed the minutes be received.

Agreed the Committee on Arrangements to make their report. They report the following to preach at the stand: Elder J. T. Moore, Elder Amos Archie, Elder Hubert Auston. Agreed the report be received.

On motion agreed to take up unfinished business.

On motion agreed to see where the next Association shall go in 1952. The following churches put in their petition: Wilson Chapel, Mt. Carmel, Bethel. N. C. It seemed to please the mind of the conference to give the next Association to Mt. Carmel. Elder Willie Beach was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Dorcine Staton to preach the alternate sermon.

On motion agreed the Correspondence and Circular Letter and Church Letter be called for; the same were read and received.

On motion agreed that Brother Mack Whitfield write the Corresponding Letter and Brother Charlie Dugger write the Circular Letter for 1952.

On motion agreed to appoint delegates to visit our sister associations with whom we correspond. To Tar River: Agreed to send Elder Dorcine Staton. To North Eastern: Agreed to send Elder Dorcine Staton. To Antioch Association in Georgia: agreed to Send Elder Willie Beach, Friday before the second Sunday in 1951. To the North Western Asso-

ciation in Detroit, Michigan, agreed to send Elder Dorcine Staton. To Rhamer in Georgia, agreed to send a letter and file of minutes. Friday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1952.

On motion agreed that conference close until 2 o'clock, closing hymn 621, dismissed by Elder J. T. Moore.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE.

Elder Dorcine Staton sang hymn 380, prayer by Elder Asa House; Elder Archie sang hymn 2 and preached from Matt. 5; Elder J. T. Moore sang hymn 582 and Preached from John 1; Elder Hubert Auston sang hymn 356 and followed with same; Elder T. F. Piles sang hymn 411 and followed with same.

The Finance Committee reported \$21.30 collected. Dismissed by Elder Asa House.

#### SATUDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator singing 440. prayer by Brother W. M. Spells; the Moderator stated the Association conference ready for business.

On motion agreed the list of the churches and the names of visiting delegates be called and the minutes of Saturday morning session read. The same was read and received.

On motion the Committee on Arrangements make their report, who reported as follows: to preach at the stand: Elder Asa House, Elder Amos Archie, Elder J. T. Moore; agreed the report be received.

On motion agreed the Finance Committee be directed to keep an accurate account of money received and paid out during the sitting of this Association.

Agreed this association take up her association dues. Collected in in this session \$120.30. Agreed the Association Treasury be counted, found in hands of the Treasurer \$11.65; left in his hands \$48.10 and \$17.37 on the building fund.

On motion agreed the Clerk have 150 copies of these minutes printed and distributed under the supervision of the Moderator.

Motion and agreed to donate to the Moderator, received \$14.00.

Agreed the Moderator and Finance Committee pay off all association indebtedness. Agreed the conference close until Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1952 at Mt. Carmel Church in Bethel.

We extend a card of thanks to Elder T. F. Piles for his helpful advice in the closing of our association. Conference closed with prayer by Brother Mack Whitfield. Closing hymn 505, dismissed by Elder Staton.

#### SATUDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE.

Elder Asa House sang hymn 25 and preached from John 14; Elder Richard Anderson sang hymn 353 and followed same; Elder J. T. Moore sang hymn 616 and followed the same. Public collection \$6.00 for the building \$612. Dismissed by Elder J. T. Moore

#### SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Elder Staton rose and read the 1st chapter of John and sang hymn 3,



prayer by Brother King Latham; Elder Oscar Clemon sang hymn 202 and preached from John 2:4; Elder Hubert Auston sang hymn 555 and followed the same. Elder T. F. Piles sang hymn 141 and followed same.

The Finance Committee reported \$12.05 collected. Dismissed by Elder T. F. Piles.

### SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Elder Staton read John 15 and sang hymn 383, prayer by Brother Mack Whitfield.

Agreed the Saturday evening session be read, which was done and received.

The following was the order of preaching at the stand: Elder Amos Archie sang hymn 141 and preached from John 15:3; Elder Oscar Clemon followed the same; Elder Guilford Slade sang hymn 621 and followed the same. Elder Lessie Blow sang hymn 607 and preached from Isaiah 6; Elder Hubert Auston sang hymn 631 and preached from John 17:1; Elder T. F. Piles sang hymn 3 and followed same.

The Finance Committee collected \$33.60, for the building \$11.25. Dismissed by Elder T. F. Piles.

### CHURCHES, PASTOR AND CLERK

Wilson Chapel—Elder Dorcine Staton, Pastor

Zion Grove—Elder Staton, Pastor

Mt. Carmel—Elder Staton. Pastor, Charlie Dugger, Clerk.

### ORDAINED ELDERS AND ADDRESS

Elder Dorcine Staton, Bethel, N. C.

Elder Willie Beach, Robersonville, N. C.

### VISITING DELEGATES

Elders T. F. Piles, Hubert Auston, Leslie Blow, Richard Anderson.



### CORRESPONDING LETTER

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I trust, This being the 67th session of the Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association held with the Robersonville Church, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1951, the Lord has been good to us and has so wonderfully blessed us. Dear Brethren, let us stand fast in this liberty, for He has made us free from the yoke of bondage. How good and pleasant it is for our brethren to dwell together in peace and love. For the Lord has said, My peace I leave with you. Let us stand for the cause of Christ and not be blown away by every wind of doctrine.

Dear brethren, pray for us that our faith fail us not and that God's righteousness may be spoken throughout the world and that our correspondence may continue with you.

ELDER WILLIE BEACH

## CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren and sisters, this is the sixty-seventh annual session of the Corresponding Primitive Baptist Association held with the Zion Grove Church, Robersonville, N. C., October 12, 13, 14, 1951.

We are glad that the Lord has blessed us to meet in another Association. He knows just how many would be here trusting in His name. Our lips can speak many things but our hearts are far from it. I want to call your attention to the second chapter of Philippians and the 5th verse. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Jesus said, Not My will, but Thine be done. I came not to do mine own will but the will of Him that sent me. Brethren and sisters, let that be our mind. He knows how many He has sent into the vineyard. May the Lord bless us in this Association in peace and love. You all are welcome in our homes while you are with us; let us stand for the truth; it will set us free from the law of sin and death.

I am your humble servant,

MACK WHITFIELD

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, and there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
5. We believe in the doctrine of man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state by nature of his own free will and ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and washing the saints' feet are ordinances and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment.
11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.
12. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

## RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association will open and close with prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any but the Moderator until he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in on wise reflect upon the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his life, his failings or imperfections, and shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off, or absent himself from the Association without first obtaining liberty from the Association.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without first obtaining liberty from the Association.
8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whispering in time of speech.
9. No member of this Association shall address another member in the term or appellation other than that of Brother.
10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any brother in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the Rules of Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be



enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as this Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person who shall speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he choses, but shall have no vote unless the Association is equally divided.

13. No member of this Association shall join any secret order, and such shall be a violation of our faith and order, and shall be dealt with by their churches.

14. Any members who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules may be reproved by the Association as it may deem proper.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES		CLERK	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis'd by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
WILSON CHAPEL . . .	Bro. Mack Whitfield ..	Brother Leroy Artibridge .....		3	1	..	..	..	..	17	\$12.00	
ZION GROVE .....	Brother King Latham	Brother Mack Whitfield .....		..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4.00	
MT. CARMEL .....	Brother King Latham	Brother Charlie Dugger .....		..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5.00	



